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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO
REFTEL, WHICH WAS HANDED ME APRIL 15 BY YILMAZ ALPASLAN, CHAIRMAN OF
THE TURKISH PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION INTO
"IRREGULARITIES AND BRIBES MADE FROM ABROAD TO PUBLIC
ORGANIZATIONS".

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD FROM VARIOUS SOURCES, THE ALLEGED
ILLEGIT PAYOFFS IN TURKEY OF THE LOCKHEED CORPORATION HAVE
DEEPLY SHOCKED THE TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION. BOTH THE TURKISH
PEOPLE AND THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO ACTS ON ITS
BEHALF ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THIS ALLEGATION AND ATTACH
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CLARIFICATION OF THIS GRAVE PROBLEM.

THE ALLEGATIONS MADE AT THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE U.S.
SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, THE STATEMENTS MADE BY VARIOUS
AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND THE REVELATIONS PUBLISHED BY
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THE PRESS ABOUT CORRUPT PRACTICES IN THE INTERNATIONAL

TRANSACTION OF LOCKHEED WHICH ALSO INVOLVE TURKY HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION OF A PROFOUND FEELING OF MALISE IN THIS COUNTRY.

WITH A VIEW TO CLARIFYING ALL ASPECTS OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING TURKEY AND TO UNVEILING THE TRUTH, A NUMBER OF STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. IN THIS CONTEXT, A COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY VIRTUE OF ARTICLES 88 AND 90 OF THE TURKISH CONSTITUTION.

THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THIS MATTER WHICH EMPOWERS ME, IN MY CAPACITY AS ITS CHAIRMAN, TO WRITE TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO ASK YOU TO INSTRUCT THE COMPETENT UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO FULLY COOPERATE WITH OUR COMMITTEE IN OUR EFFORTS TO SHED LIGHT ON THIS MOST UNPEASANT AND GRAVE PROBLEM. WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST ALL DO OUR UTMOST IN ORDER TO DISCLOSE ALL THE RELEVANT INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE NAMES, IF ANY, OF THE TURKISH OFFICIALS INVOLVED. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE OUR APPREHENSION THAT IF THIS AFFAIR IS KEPT UNCLARIFIED AND THE EVENTUAL NAMES WITHHELD, BOTH THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS MAY CONSEQUENTLY SUFFER.

MR. PRESIDENT, OUR COMMITTEE IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE YOUR ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT ANY INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES RELATING TO THE ILLICIT ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCKHEED CORPORATION SHOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT BY BODIES WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL DURING THE INVESTIGATIVE STAGES. I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT SINCE THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES SET UP IN EITHER HOUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT IS OF A JUDICIARY NATURE ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, OUR WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN CLOSED SESSIONS AND NO DISCLOSURES ON OUR PART WOULD BE MADE UNTIL OUR FINAL REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT, MY COMMITTEE AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FAVOURABLE REPLY IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLARIFICATION OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM. YOURS SINCERELY,
YILMAZ ALPASLAN. END TEXT.
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